

## REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Notice of Allowance dated April 14, 2004.

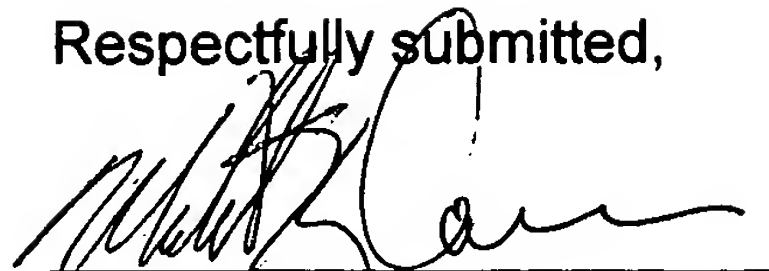
This Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312, filed concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee in the present application, and with the filing of a continuation application, is being filed pursuant to the MPEP Section 201.11 to delete a claim to priority to U.S. Pat. Appln. No. 09/943,559, having a filing date of August 30, 2001. Applicants wish to maintain their claim for benefit, under U.S.C. 119, of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. 60/267,829, filed February 9, 2001

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned with any questions to further expedite issuance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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July 14, 2004  
Date